(*c*) The Cochin Government have completed all payments towards the Harbour works.

(*d*) 775 acres.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I wish to make a statement with regard to 37·50 lakhs for the reclamation of 250 acres on the Willingdon Island. That was the initial expenditure on 250 acres. A part of that by disposing of 150 acres for Rs. 22½ lakhs plus interest and royalty has been realised.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether in the amount spent for the conversion of the railway the harbour authories have contributed anything for the railway from the Ernakulam South Station up to the bridge-head?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* That line is ours, from the Ernakulam South Station up to the bridge. It is a part of the State Railway.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Am I to take it that this 116 lakhs does not take in the Harbour Railway beyond the bridge?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is the cost of our conversion plus the cost for extension.

HARBOUR WORKS—ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

57. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount of public money invested in the Cochin Harbour works up to the 31st of August 1940;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the list of assets of Harbour works, including land, with their book value, as on the 31st of August 1940;

(*c*) the total amount of loan made out to the Harbour Authorities as on the 31st of August 1940;

(*d*) the total amount of landing and shipping dues and other amounts received in the Cochin Harbour Accounts, since the entry of ocean-going vessels into the inner harbour of the Cochin Port;

(*e*) the total amount, if any, received by way of interest repayments of loan instalments, etc., upon the investments made up to the 31st of August 1940;

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(*f*) the total amount spent upon the bridges connecting Ernakulam and Mattancheri with the Willingdon Island?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 211 lakhs approximately.

(*b*) A ready list of the assets of the Harbour is not available.

(*c*) The Cochin Government have paid to the Harbour Authorities a loan of Rs. 77·89 lakhs towards the IV Stage works including the cost of the new Dredger and the cost of the additional warehouse on the Willingdon Island.

(*d*) Government think that the time and labour involved in collecting these particulars will not be commensurate with the value of the information obtained.

(*e*) The Harbour Authorities have repaid in all Rs. 2,47,727 inclusive of interest up to 31st August 1940. (This is the repayment of the Dredger loans).

(*f*) Vide answer to question No. 55.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In question No. 56 the answer to (*a*) is 119 lakhs. Here the answer is 211 lakhs.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* In the other question, it is the total amount invested by the Government. Here, it is the total public money invested.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I did not mean that.

Mr. President: Then, what was the object of repeating the question?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Our cost has been 119 lakhs. It is more than half.

Mr. President: We have recovered 22½ lakhs.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* We have then spent 97 lakhs. That is more than one-third. May I know why we should pay more than the British Government and the Travancore Government?

Mr. President: I thought that Mr. Salem was one of those who were well informed about the matter. For the final stages of the Harbour we undertook two portions and eliminated the Madras Government. So we had to pay two-thirds.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* With reference to (*d*) how long is it since ocean-going vessels began to enter the inner harbour?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Since 1931.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not books maintained to show the total amounts received in the Harbour under these heads? What is the difficulty? We want just to know what the receipts are.

Mr. President: All these figures are sent to the office. The question is whether all these figures have to be collected.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If there is any difficulty, will the Government be pleased to answer it next time?

Mr. President: We have no objection to give the figures to Mr. Salem. The budget estimates, the landing and shipping dues, all the actual collections, figures relating to all these will be given. Let him make the additions and subtractions. We will give you all the figures.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* What is the present railway fare from the Harbour Terminus to the new Peer Station?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* In a previous answer it was stated that loans have been advanced. Are they repayable advances and do they come under the original agreement with the Harbour authories?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

HARBOUR WORKS ACCOUNTS—AUDIT OF

58. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Harbour Works Accounts subject to audit by any of the three Governments of Cochin, Travancore or India?

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the last audit report of the Harbour Works Accounts or a review of it by any of the three Governments?

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